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## "POLITICS OR BUST" IS NATIONAL G. O. P. CRY

The Fact That the United States Is Engaged In a Vital War Does Not Deter Chairman Hayes

Republican National Leaders Are Rank Ingrates After Wilson's Stand For Loyal Helpmates

"Cast your bread upon the waters and it shall be returned a thousand fold" certainly can not be said to be true insofar as referring to the leaders of the Grand Old Party, for hankering and empty pie stomachs of the "big uns" are hurting them so much that they are placing their selfish interests above those of the United States!

While the rank and file of loyal Republicans in the United States are perfectly willing to let matters run along as smoothly as they have under Democratic administration during the course of the great conflict over in Europe, and prefer to argue commercial and diplomatic relations after the war is ended—it is not so with Chairman Hayes of the G. O. P. Not on your life!

Hayes' ideas are not built that way. He and a number of other leaders feel that the winning of the war is a minor consideration when compared to a victory at the polls in November for the Republican party! That is greater, in their minds, than anything else on earth and at this moment they are foisting this ridiculous notion upon the rank and file. They not only are "foisting" but are sowing the seeds of their day dream in many places and their propaganda is spread first in "The National Republican," a strictly party sheet, and then the clipping bureau is busy, too! Here is a sample that was printed in the Westboro Enterprise in its last issue of August 30th:

**Edsel Ford Exempted.**  
"Henry Ford's boy, Edsel Ford, was refused exemption by the local and district boards, but was released from military service by presidential exemption. Thus Henry is still able to sing the Democratic campaign hymn of 1916, (I did not raise my boy to be a soldier), and can truthfully repeat the slogan, (He kept us out of war.) Just what the effect of the transaction will be upon the mothers and fathers of Michigan boys, who not being favored with an influential ancestor, are called upon to make the supreme sacrifice in behalf of country, remains to be seen. There have been several cases of exemption of this kind. Two of them kept young men of the Scripps family out of war. The Scripps family owns a string of newspapers which whooped it up for the Democratic party on the pacifist platform in 1916 and which have been whooping it up on different grounds ever since the last election. Edsel Ford and the Scripps boys are no better than the rest of the boys in this country, no matter how many newspapers and automobile plants their dads own, or how many senatorial booms they may have concealed about their persons. If one of the two Fords is essential to the conduct of the flour industry, let Henry stay at home and let Edsel go to the front. Instead of having Edsel stay at home and Henry go to the Senate by command. Edsel doesn't exactly sound like a warrior's name, but it is probable that he will make as good a soldier as his father would a statesman."—National Republican.

**Sent to the People.**  
Hayes and the publicity department of the G. O. P. conceived the scheme of sending out rot of this nature to feel out the people and to prepare them for more, "If it was well received," and Missouri is not alone in this propaganda, take it in other states where the senatorial and congressional vote is doubtful—those places are swamped!

And make a note of the platform of the G. O. P. in the Kansas convention at Topeka last week. It is political in its nature and very weakly pledges G. O. P. support to "essential war measures" advocated by the president, but bulges over with politics in the following planks:

"The Democratic slogan of 1916, 'kept us out of war,' is now known to every intelligent person to have been political camouflage. Vital information was withheld from the public to make the slogan effective. Ambassador Gerard's disclosures and other evidences of Prussian intrigue and insincerity, subsequently given to the public, show the true facts of our re-

lations with Germany as far back as the sinking of the Lusitania. This concealment of facts showing the fixed and sinister purposes of Germany, and the failure for more than two years to make adequate preparation immeasurably increases the price in blood and money we must now pay for victory."

War profiteering is declared to be treason and the failure of the Democratic Congress to adopt measures to prevent it is condemned.

"There is no place for sectionalism, for special favors to the North, East, South or West," the platform declares, and points out that the fixing of prices of wheat for the Northern farmer and the failure to fix the price of cotton and cotton products in the South is only one evidence of the fact that Democrats have played the game of sectional favoritism in the war.

**By the Hungry Ones.**  
The above falls in line with the "dope" sent out by the hungry ones who have been away six years from the trough.

In Congress every day the ambitious ones are interfering with the loyal Republicans, who glory in country above party and are working harmoniously with the administration forces to quickly bring about the winning of the war. Councils held by the G. O. P. in Washington (only those who are hungry) continually condemn the patriotism of the loyal Republican and state candidly, "You're interfering with the November program, play politics, man!"

But thanks to the loyalty and patriotism of that class of Republicans, the overtures made are disregarded.

If Chairman Hayes had intellect enough to appreciate the stand made by President Wilson, in which Senators Blaine of South Carolina and Vandaman of Mississippi for their stands have been forced from Congress, and how Lenroot of Wisconsin was selected and in other instances, Hayes would cut politics and play the game of "winning the war" instead. Hayes realizes that a Republican Senate and House can easily ball up Wilson's war plans. An empty belly only knows satisfaction! And all Hayes knows is "Politics!"

**HE CERTAINLY HURRIED**  
Minus Pants, Suspenders, Hat, Boots and the Remainder of His Toilet.

PARIS, Sept. 5.—The Germans retired from the right bank of the Oise so rapidly that some of the staff officers were obliged to flee in scanty attire. A German general was seen running from one of the exits of a cavern at the top of Mount Choisy without boots or suspenders just as the French soldiers appeared at the other entrance.

The correspondent, who later visited that cavern, found in it other evidences of the hasty departure of the German divisional staff that had occupied it. Along with the general's boots and suspenders there were several pairs of costly field glasses and a complete telephone system.

In the piles of arms and ammunition that have been collected on and around the height there are a considerable number of bayonets with the saw tooth blade.

**WALKER DID THE RIGHT THING.**

About two months ago Mrs. George O. Walker left her husband, who had for some time abused and mistreated her. Wednesday morning Mrs. Walker and her son by a former marriage were engaged in moving into a new home at 519 South Eighteenth street when Walker appeared and entering the house attacked his wife with a razor. In the struggle she managed to escape, when her husband drew the razor across her throat, gashing it sufficiently to sever the jugular. He then staggered into another room and fell across a bed, from which he was removed and taken to Noyes Hospital where he died a short time later. He leaves his parents and one sister and one brother. Mrs. Walker was not seriously injured in the struggle. The coroner decided no inquest was necessary.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS AID RTADY FOR REGISTRATION

Welfare Work Conducted in 45 Army and Navy Concentration Centers.

Christian Science camp welfare work is now being carried on in forty-five army and navy camps in the United States under direction of the Christian Science War Relief and Camp Welfare Committee of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. There are at present about seventy men and fifteen women engaged in this work, the women serving mainly as welfare room attendants.

Conducted at first independently, the camp welfare work has been merged with the war relief work which the Christian Scientists were doing in foreign countries before the United States entered the war. For both these purposes about one million dollars have been raised.

The aim of the Christian Science camp workers is to be as helpful as possible to all the men in the camps, whether or not they are Christian Scientists, and particularly to give assistance which may not be available at the time or place through any of the other camp welfare agencies.

A feature of this phase of the work is an arrangement for keeping soldiers and sailors in close touch with their relatives.

Co-operating with the committee in Boston, there is a Christian Science camp welfare committee in each state. The committee in the home state of a soldier or sailor co-operates by mail and telegraph with the committee of the state in which he is camped or stationed to form a direct and constant link between the soldier or sailor and his relatives. Thereby the relatives are quickly made acquainted with needs of their boy in the service, and he is provided with an avenue of quick communication with his home.

This linking of home and camp, combined with the personal attention of the Christian Science workers in the camps, has frequently been the means of changing a soldier's outlook from one of gloom to one of joy, and not infrequently it has proved to be the means of relieving relatives of financial embarrassment, the committee in the home state making loans for use by the relatives until their boy in camp should be prepared to forward money to them.

The net result, for which the Christian Science committees and camp workers have received many commendations, has been a noticeable raising of the morale of many men in the service and the development of a better feeling at home regarding the participation of their boys in the service.

The camp workers say there is an increased willingness among the commanding officers and surgeons to allow Christian Science treatment for those men who ask for it, and many Christian Science healings have been recorded. Recently, two requests for Christian Science services in hospital wards were received by camp workers from medical nurses who had observed the beneficial effects of Christian Science treatment.

In or near numerous camps, the Christian Science Committees have erected substantial buildings, which provide places for reading and writing, and other buildings are in course of construction. A light touring car has been added to the equipment of the Christian Science camp workers at each camp to be used wherever and whenever possible in assisting the men.

**MRS. R. WINBORNE DEAD**

This Woman Made the "Stars and Bars" Designed by Capt. Smith of Henderson, N. C.

Mrs. Rebecca Winborne, 87 years old, who died at Wilson, N. C., Aug. 17th, is said to have been the woman who made the first confederate flag.

The banner, designed by Captain Randolph Smith of Henderson, N. C., was made by Mrs. Winborne when she was Miss Rebecca Murphy, at Wilson in February, 1861. A sister refused to aid in making the flag, it is said, because she was engaged to a northern army officer. A few weeks after the flag was completed it was adopted by the confederate congress at Montgomery, Ala., as the standard of the confederacy. The first banner contained only seven stars, representing the number of states that had seceded, but this number was soon increased to eleven by the withdrawal of other states from the union. By an act of the confederate congress it was named "The Stars and Bars."

The rural mail-carriers of the Fourth congressional district association held their meeting at Tarkio Sept. 2nd.

## THE LOCAL BOARDS RECEIVE SUPPLIES AND WILL BEGIN THE WORK ON SCHEDULE.

The local draft boards have received their cards and other supplies for the registration of all men from 18 to 45 which will occur next Thursday, Sept. 12. It is expected that the registration will show a very large number from this section.

In this connection it might be stated that the coming registration will provide for much broader grounds for exemption than did the old regulations. Important modifications are based upon the change of a few words in the original draft law made in passing the new man power act. The term "industrial occupation" is eliminated, and the law now provides persons may be given deferred classification when engaged "in occupation or employment, including agriculture, which can be established as necessary to the military establishment or to the maintenance of the national interests."

This section will allow district exemption boards to exempt bankers and essential bank employees, men engaged in necessary commercial enterprise and necessary workers for the Red Cross and kindred organizations. The regulations will not attempt specifically to define the status of registrants who shall be entitled to exemption, but will allow the boards to work out the details, after the authorization has been given them. It was said that the regulations would straighten out completely a situation arising since district boards in various localities have ruled under the old law that railroads and banks are not industries, and that an importer of necessary war materials and his staff are not engaged in industry. Since the requirement that a man exempted because of his occupation must be of such importance as to threaten the continuance of the enterprise to which he is attached has been retained, however, the sum total of exemptions is not expected to seriously affect the net man power which will finally be placed in class 1.

District boards in applying occupational exemption regulations will have the assistance of three advisers, industrial, commercial and agricultural, who are now being nominated in every district.

Only minor changes are incorporated in a revised questionnaire which the registrants of Sept. 12 will be required to fill out. It strikes out the requirement that city police and firemen be in service three years before being entitled to deferred classification, and allows them to be placed in class 2 without regard to their length of service. It establishes also three new divisions in class 5, exempting automatically persons discharged from military or naval service "upon ground of alienage or upon diplomatic request, persons who are citizens of countries co-belligerent with the United States who come under treaty arrangements entailing their service at home and citizens of neutral countries who have withdrawn declarations of their intention to become citizens."

The questionnaire still requires each registrant who desires exemption to make formal claim, and present detailed facts substantiating it.

**HANS NELSON IS NO MORE.**

Hans Nielson, who was the real pioneer in the florist business in St. Joseph, died at a local hospital Wednesday following an illness of long duration. For a number of years he had made his residence at the Memorial Home for the Aged. When St. Joseph was young he had a green house on the site of the present street car barn, and was known all over the West. Shortly after the death of his wife some years ago, he retired from business. He was a native of Denmark and came to this country when but a mere boy, and to St. Joseph when a very young man. He was seventy-eight years of age at his death. For several terms he represented the First ward in the city council and during that time did much for the future benefit of St. Joseph.

**ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.**

While here Monday during the Labor Day celebration, State Bank Examiner Charles F. Knight of Jefferson City was asked about the condition of the banks of this state as a whole and his reply was: "Never in the history of Missouri have the state banks enjoyed such an era of prosperity nor have they ever been in a better financial condition. One reason that makes such a change is their readiness to comply with instructions and the checking of many evils that annoy them so much, for instance, the matter of overdrafts. Overdrafts, except real small ones, are not very common now and it is a pleasure to inspect and report their condition to the public."

## GREAT SALES MADE

Buchanan County Will Close Its Thrift Stamp Sales for the Year With a Full Quota.

There is now no doubt but that St. Joseph and Buchanan county will go over the top on its quota of \$2,000,000 sales in Thrift Stamps before the close of the year, the period at which the drive will come to a close. The sales of the St. Joseph postoffice for the month of August were the second largest since the drive began and totaled \$122,305 as shown by the report of Chairman J. G. Schneider.

As shown by the figures, August sales were on 15,194 pledges of a total value of \$75,520. In addition, the war savings stamps sales not on pledges numbered 5,692 of the value of \$38,460, and thrift stamp sales were 33,390 of the value of \$8,325.

Up to August the war savings stamps sales were 117,632 of the value of \$587,660, and the thrift stamp sales numbered 238,135 of the value of \$58,589.50. This brings the grand total up to Sept. 1, at the postoffice, to \$768,504.50. With the redeeming of pledges from now until the end of the year, largely through the postoffice, the monthly sales are expected to continually show increases.

Chairman Schneider is well pleased over the results attained and he will not cease in his efforts until the goal is reached and passed.

## WILL HAVE SKIP STOP

St. Joseph to be Included in the New Street Railway Arrangement.

It will not be long before St. Joseph people will not be able to flag a street car at any corner and climb on board, but on the contrary will be obliged to walk several blocks if in the outskirts before they can take the cars. In the business section not much change will be noticeable.

A hearing was had at Jefferson City Thursday before the public service commission which was attended by J. H. Van Brunt of the street railway and C. L. Faust, city counselor. At this meeting a decision to put the skip stop plan into operation was decided upon. It will be put into operation within the next two weeks.

A commission composed of T. J. Lysaght, a city official, and a representative of the street car system will at once work out the details and report to the commission, when the plan which it is expected will result in a great saving will be put into operation.

**MGR. LINNENKAMP CALLED**

The Venerable Vicar General Passes Away at an Early Hour Yesterday.

All St. Joseph is mourning the death of Monsignor Christopher Linnenkamp, vicar general of the diocese of St. Joseph and rector of the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, which occurred at his home in the parish house at 615½ yesterday morning. He had been in poor health for some time, but had only been confined to his bed for five days. Mgr. Linnenkamp was one of the oldest and best beloved clergymen of St. Joseph where he has been stationed almost all of his priesthood days. He was a man whom all delighted to honor and his loss will be deeply felt.

The body of the dead priest will lie in state at the church from Sunday noon until Tuesday morning, when funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock, conducted by Bishop Burke. Interment will be in Mount Olivet.

**A BIG BLAZE**

The Schreiber Mills Burned at an Early Hour Yesterday Morning.

One of the most disastrous fires of the year occurred early yesterday morning when the plant of the Schreiber Milling and Grain Co. at Eighth and Mitchell Avenue was almost completely destroyed. The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock in the morning by the night watchman, who turned in an alarm, but the blaze was not subdued before the structure was almost totally destroyed.

A switch engine removed a number of loaded cars before the fire reached them, but all of the contents of the building and its machinery was destroyed. The loss, it is estimated, will reach about \$140,000, partially covered by insurance. Temporary quarters have been secured and business will be conducted there until new buildings can be erected.

Of the 117 young men registering June 5, having attained the age of 21 years, 90 have been placed in A class 1 and 27 in the other classes in Holt county.

## WHAT THE A. F. F. W. HAS ACCOMPLISHED

The Work of This Noble Organization During the Year Just Passed

HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY TWELVE MONTHS

Miss Jessie Cockburn, Publicity Secretary for the Organization, in a Comprehensive Report Shows What the Ladies Who Make Up This War Helping Society Have Done to Relieve the Suffering Brought On by the Attempt of the Kaiser to Assume Charge of the World.

It was a noble little band of intensely loyal ladies who were interested in war work that formed the nucleus for the American Fund for French Wounded Society here in this city in the early stages of the gigantic struggle taking place across the waters and from a very few, the present organization has grown in local circles to a very potent and most energetic association whose valued work no one can accurately describe.

The society here began its work without one cent of capital; it asked no favors nor interfered with any other society doing similar work; instead it pushed their cause as well as their own and the grand women who nursed this wonderful infant here to its present proportions are deserving and do get the highest praise that can be awarded them. The members of the fund work just as loyally in their Cross chapters as in Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and other relief organizations at the same time they do their own work.

**Praise to Whom Due.**

Particular praise is given to the untiring efforts of Mrs. R. E. Culver, chairman, for she has been so conscientious and so unflinching in her work, despite the terrible strain re-

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**FIRST GUN TONIGHT**

Democrats Will Inaugurate Their Victorious Campaign at Rushville With a Big Rally.

There is going to be all sorts of noise and any quantity of enthusiasm at Rushville tonight. This is because the Democrats of this county will inaugurate their campaign there, and it is bound to be a winner.

J. R. Clay will open the ball and he will do it in the shape and style for which he is famous. All of the candidates except Congressman Booher, who is in Washington, will be there and will address the people. The campaign will be short, but it will be lively while it is on. It will be crowded into two weeks in order to get out of the way of the Liberty Loan drive. The meetings for next week will be as follows:

Sept. 7, Rushville, J. R. Clay.

Sept. 9, San Antonio, Chas. H. Mayer.

Sept. 9, Woodbine, Homer King.

Sept. 10, Sherwood School House, Duval Smith.

Sept. 11, Frazier, A. B. Duncan.

Sept. 12, Hall's, Chas. W. Meyer.

Sept. 13, Burnett School House, L. A. Vories.

Sept. 14, Easton, J. G. Parkinson.

Sept. 15, Saxton, W. B. Norris.

Sept. 17, Faucett, Thos. B. Allen.

Sept. 18, Connett School House, John Connett.

Sept. 18, Spring Garden, O. W. Watkins.

Sept. 19, Garrettsburg, Chas. H. Mayer.

Sept. 20, French Bottoms, J. R. Clay.

Sept. 20, Maxwell School House, Sam Wilcox.

Sept. 21, Agency, A. B. Duncan.

Sept. 23, Wallace, L. V. Stigall.

Sept. 24, Hurlinger, Barney Reilly.

Sept. 25, DeKalb, L. V. Stigall.

**MISSOURI'S KILLED AND WOUNDED.**

The Missouri Historical Society is engaged in collecting photographs and short biographical sketches of all Missourians who are killed or wounded in military, aviation, or naval service.

It is a difficult task, and the society wishes to request all persons having information relating to, or photographs of any of the killed or wounded, to communicate with the Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis.

## A BIG INCREASE

Merchants and Manufacturers' Assessments Show Up Much Larger Than Last Year.

The merchants and manufacturers of St. Joseph are much more wealthy than they were last year, despite the war. It was the assessments which they have turned in and which are now being reviewed by the county board of equalization are a criterion. The assessment lists show an increase of \$4,457,870 over last year's figures, or an advance of almost 80 per cent. The increase over the 1916 assessment is 102.5 per cent.

The 1918 lists totaled \$10,148,470 as against \$5,690,600 for 1917. Increases were made by 1,250 merchants and 81 manufacturers in the city and county, and the estimates were based on 50 per cent of actual cash value. The tax will be due in October. There are twenty-four more merchants in the county than last year.

The merchants and manufacturers' lists include the three packing plants—Swift, Morris and Armour—all wholesale and retail establishments and factories of various kinds. The three packing plants made returns aggregating \$3,900,000, an increase of about 40 per cent over last year.

In connection with this assessment it is stated that merchants and manufacturers are being assessed on a 50 per cent basis because their tax is payable this year, whereas assessments for taxes to be paid in 1919—real and personal taxes—are being assessed on a basis of actual cash value.

"I presume the legislature, which meets in January, will take up the matter of the tax levy," said Assessor Crawford, "and that the levy will be lowered to conform to the higher assessment. Meanwhile, I'm assessing real and personal property on what I deem to be 100 per cent of the value for taxes to be collected next year. Then, if the levy is not reduced, the state board of equalization can reduce my assessment."

Assessor Crawford is also listing real estate at what he believes to be its present cash value.

## SWARTZ KEPT HIS WORD

He Shakes the Dust of St. Joseph From His Feet and Goes to Sunny California.

Before he made his last campaign for a nomination in Buchanan county, Ed. M. Swartz, who is probably as well known as any attorney in Buchanan county, stated that if he was defeated in his race for prosecuting attorney he'd "be ding busted" if he did not leave St. Joseph—and he has made good his word—for on Wednesday night he departed via the Santa Fe for Los Angeles, California, where he proposes to remain for some time and then go to South America.

But people need not get the idea into their heads that the sting of defeat caused the good natured disciple of Blackstone to get up and hike—for it did not—not by a long way—but on the contrary he is leaving from the fact that he has been selected as assistant general counsel for one of the biggest export companies now operating in the South American trade, its main office being located at Cleveland, Ohio, with branches at Kansas City and Los Angeles. The company as soon as Russia has been translocated, will begin operations in that section. In his capacity Mr. Swartz will have much to do with the affairs of the organization. For the present his headquarters will be at Los Angeles, but South America will soon hold him.

There is a vast host of good friends in St. Joseph who will miss him, but they all wish this good attorney and good citizen the fullest measure of success in his new field.

**AMERICAN LOSS IN WAR CLOSING LIST UP TO DATE.**

Reported.

Previously reported Aug. 29 Totals

Killed by accident. 732 2 734

Killed in action. 4,938 32 4,970

Died of disease. 1,525 5 1,530

Lost at sea. 291 0 291

Died of wounds. 1,370 8 1,378

Wounded. 11,271 39 11,310

Totals. 21,244 86 21,330

Missing. 2,228 10 2,238

Grand totals. 23,572 96 23,668

**Marines.**

Death, all causes. 587 0 587

Wounded. 1,928 0 1,928

Captured. 0 0 0

Missing. 119 0 119

Totals. 2,634 0 2,634

Grand totals. 24,668 96 24,764

Subject to change as missing are counted.